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Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1994/16, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme", the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and to Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 by strengthening the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat, by providing it with the resources required for the full implementation of its mandates and by establishing one post at the D-2 level for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, if necessary by redeploying overall existing resources. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to provide, within existing overall resources, support and training for the enhancement of the operational capacity of the programme.

2. In its resolution 49/158, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity", the General Assembly made a similar request to the Secretary-General. In that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide adequate funds to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the programme to respond to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

3. The report of the Secretary-General (E/1994/13) on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 and the report of the Secretary-General (A/49/593) on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 may be consulted for more precise information on the mandates for strengthening the programme and on the activities carried out in the period from August 1993 to October 1994, with special emphasis on operational activities. The present report should be read in conjunction with the note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.15/1995/10) on the proposed programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1996-1997, including the proposal of the Secretary-General to upgrade the Branch to a division, strengthening its staff with two additional posts at the Professional level.